

REMARKS

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have amended claim 1 so as to include all of the limitations of original claim 5, which was indicated to recite patentable subject matter. In view of this amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1 and all claims dependent thereon are now in condition for allowance.

In addition, Applicants have added new claims 13-20, of which claim 13 is independent. Support for new claims 13-20 can be found, for example, on page 8, lines 13-19 of the specification. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that, at a minimum, none of the cited prior art discloses or suggests the last element of new claim 13, which recites that "a LOW level voltage applied to a gate of said read transistor of each pixel is set to voltage lower than a LOW level voltage applied to a gate of said reset transistor". As such, it is respectfully submitted that new claims 13-20 are also patentable over the cited prior art.

Accordingly, it is urged that the application is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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